

Remarks

In response to the final Office Action dated February 26, 2003, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the remaining pending claims based on the above amendments and the following remarks. The pending claims are believed to be in allowable condition.

Claims 1 and 15 have been amended and claim 20 has been cancelled. Claim 1 has been amended to clarify that the replacement files comprise a main file in which at least one additional file is embedded. Support for this amendments may be found on page 11, lines 4-7 and lines 34-38 of the Specification. Claim 15 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of cancelled claim 20. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-20 are currently pending in the application. Claims 8-14 are allowed. Claims 1-7 and 15-20 stand rejected stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kelly, S.B. (Kelly), Mastering WordPerfect, pp. 284-288 (Sybex, 1987).

Claim Rejections—35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1-7 and 15-20 stand rejected stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kelly, S.B. (Kelly), Mastering WordPerfect, pp. 284-288 (Sybex, 1987). As noted above, claim 20 has been cancelled. Kelly teaches an automatic backup method for replacing original files with temporary files in the event of a power or machine failure (Fig. 12.15, page 286). During normal operation, a computer program saves the original files at periodic intervals with temporary file names. Following the occurrence of a failure, the program offers a user the option of renaming or deleting a saved temporary file (page 284, lines 8-21).

Amended independent claim 1 recites a method for completing a file save operation by replacing original files with replacement files and requires that the replacement files comprise a main file in which at least additional file is embedded. Kelly fails to teach or suggest a file save operation in which a main file contains at least one embedded file as required by amended claim

1. Moreover, there is no motivation found in Kelly to modify the automatic backup method in which replacement files contain at least one embedded file. Therefore, in view of the foregoing, amended claim 1 is allowable over Kelly and the rejection of amended claim 1 should be withdrawn. Claims 2-7 depend from amended independent claim 1 and thus are allowable for at least the reasons stated above with respect to claim 1 as well as the additional limitations set forth therein. Accordingly, the rejections of these claims should also be withdrawn.

Amended independent claim 15 recites a computer-implemented method for recovering from an interrupted file save operation by using a primary recovery file to continue an attempt to replace old files with new files. The claim further requires that the old files comprise a primary HTML file and one or more embedded files. Kelly fails to teach or suggest a file save operation in which old or original files include a primary HTML file and one or more embedded files as required by amended claim 1. Therefore, in view of the foregoing, amended claim 15 is allowable over Kelly and the rejection of amended claim 15 should be withdrawn. Claims 16-19 depend from amended independent claim 15 and thus are allowable for at least the reasons stated above with respect to amended claim 15 as well as the additional limitations set forth therein. Accordingly, the rejections of claims 16-19 should also be withdrawn.

Conclusion

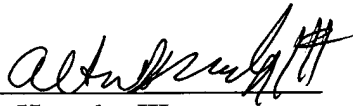
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application is now believed to be in a condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after this amendment, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to call directly Applicant's attorney at the number listed below.

Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. If any additional fees are required for the timely consideration of this application, please charge Deposit Account Number 13-2725.

Respectfully submitted,

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